

OFFICERS STATIONED AT FORT KEARNY.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 766.]

JANUARY 24, 1857.

Mr. SAPP, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Captain Henry W. Wharton, respectfully report:

The committee respectfully direct the attention of Congress to the memorial, which reads as follows:

To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

Your petitioner respectfully submits the following petition, viz: That the benefit of the two acts granting extra pay to the officers and soldiers serving in California, Oregon, and New Mexico, in consequence of the high prices of provisions, &c., may be extended to the officers and soldiers then stationed at this post for the same reasons as induced this consideration for those stationed at the above named places. This extra pay was also allowed the officers and men stationed at Fort Laramie, which is situated on the same route as this post, and articles were quite as exorbitant here as they were there, or at any of the posts for which it was given. We are three hundred miles beyond civilization, and dependent entirely upon the commissary store and the suttlers for articles of subsistence, clothing, &c., and he necessarily charges one hundred per cent., and on some things more than this; transportation on everything brought here is from five to six cents per pound. In this wilderness exile, removed from most of the appliances of civilized life, it therefore costs more for the actual necessities of life than it does for luxuries at posts situated nearer civilization. All of which is respectfully submitted for the favorable consideration of Congress.

HENRY W. WHARTON,
Captain Sixth Infantry.

FORT KEARNY, NEBRASKA TERRITORY,
November 24, 1856.

The committee find the statements contained in the memorial to be true, and believing that a discrimination ought not to have existed to the prejudice of a body of soldiers who were subjected to all the expenses and hazards of those who were stationed in California, Oregon, New Mexico, and Fort Laramie, report a bill accordingly.

HENRY W. WHARTON

Captain 25th Infantry

Fort Kearny, Nebraska Territory

November 27, 1882.